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Title: Need to grant financial package to Tamil Nadu which has been affected by floods.

SHRI C. GOPALAKRISHNAN (NILGIRIS): Hon. Speaker, before I raise my issue, I pray to my revolutionary leader, the hon. Chief Minister, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma.

Madam, you are aware that the recent devastating rains and floods in Tamil Nadu have damaged almost 50,000 houses. Hence, housing has become the top most priority for the urban poor in Chennai

The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has requested the hon. Prime Minister to release a special package for construction of houses for flood affected people. The slum dwellers along the city's waterways of Adayar, Coovam and Buckhingam Canal have lost their homes. It is for the rehabilitation of slum dwellers and reconstruction of their houses that our leader demanded a special package of Rs.5770 crore during the recent visit by the hon. Minister in Chennai.

Madam, it is worth mentioning that according to automobile industry experts, depending on the level of submersion – complete or stalling after being driven in two/ three feet of water – repairs could cost from Rs.1.5 lakh to Rs.5 lakh. To set right the damaged engine alone could cost about Rs.1.5 lakh.

Madam, hundreds and thousands of two-wheelers and autos have drowned in the flood in Kancheepuram, Tiruvallur and Cuddalore districts of Chennai. The hon. Chief Minister has also announced special camps for repair service of affected automobiles.

I request the hon. Minister to release the special financial package of Rs.5770 crore for housing project and also direct all automobile companies to arrange free repair service of two-wheelers, three-wheelers and cars which have been damaged in recent floods.